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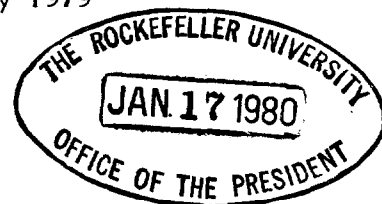


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Professor Joshua Lederberg
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Dear Professor Lederberg:

It is almost a year since we met at the initiative of Dr. Raymond Sackler. I know that I derived a great deal of insight from your comments and the conversation we held during lunch at Dr. Sackler's office and later at the Rockefeller University.

As you may recall, one of the ideas under discussion was how to best take advantage of such a high-powered group as yourselves in counselling the academic bodies of our university. One proposal was to have as many of you as your schedule will allow arrive early for our Board of Governors' meeting and use this available time to visit with any group you wish (individually or in a group). I feel that this game-plan will succeed better if, previous to this, we could meet once again and focus on one or two issues. If his approach seems reasonable to you, I would like to discuss with the group two questions: How can we judge and improve the level of research in the life sciences carried out in our Medical School and the School of Life Sciences? A related problem is: How do we determine whether there is unnecessary duplication of research efforts between the two units? Secondly - how can we cause your group to have an ongoing relationship with Tel-Aviv University?

Dr. Raymond Sackler has graciously offered to put his office at our disposal and the use of his secretarial establishment to serve as coordinators for the meeting. If you have other suggestions for a meeting place, I am sure that Dr. Sackler will be more than willing to be guided by your choice. A suitable time for Dr. Sackler and myself would be in the latter half of February. I hope that the above suggestion, the topics for discussion and the time period, is agreeable to you. I expect that Dr. Sackler's office will be in touch with you shortly to find out your response to this letter and if positive, coordinate the meeting.

Please let me know your reaction to this proposed meeting. Of course, I'm also writing to Professors Axelrod, Goldhaber, Spiegelman and Wolf. For my part, I look forward to meeting with you again.

With best personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Saul S. Abarbanel

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